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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I was a DSL customer of AT&T for years and received terrible customer service. When the opportunity was offered I switched to a local provider (Sonic), which provided fiber service at a fraction of the cost of either AT&T DSL or later fiber service. Fiber is critical to my at home business. AT&T provided poor service because they had essentially a monopoly in my area. The availability of local fiber competition caused AT&T to improve their overall service, drop their rates, and speed up their deployment of fiber significantly. It is my fear that if local competition is restricted from key infrastructure, AT&T will again dominate the local market, increasing costs, decreasing services, and limiting their motivation to move to more modern infrastructure. I feel so strongly about this issue that it will determine my voting pattern in the next elections.

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